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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 10th January 2022

Appointment as Resource Persons: Entries invited

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (ASC)- H.D. Kote Town Municipal Council (TMC), Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department (SDEL), Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana and National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM), have invited applications from eligible persons for appointment as Women Community Resource Persons.

Applications may be submitted by those candidates who reside within the Municipality limits. Those aged between 18 and 45 years and with a minimum qualification of a pass in PUC along with Computer Knowledge are eligible to apply. Applicants should have served for a minimum of three years in Area Level Federation (ALF) or Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The internal loans have to be cleared within the allotted time.

Prescribed application forms are available at the Office of H.D Kote TMC and the filled-in application forms must be submitted before Jan. 14.

For details, contact the H.D. Kote Municipal DAY-NULM branch, according to a press release from H.D. Kote Municipal Chief Officer.

Free training in hotel management for unemployed youths

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (SSM) - Food Craft Institute, Mysuru, in association with Sate Government and Department of Tourism has organised a free skill development training for unemployed youths (boys and girls) in hotel management from next month at Food Craft Institute, Kannada Karanji Building, 1st Floor, Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises, Mysuru.

Training will be provided for 6 weeks in bakery and confectionery. Afternoon lunch, uniform and learning materials will be provided free to the candidates. Successful candidates will be given a certificate and placement assistance will be provided to get employed in prestigious hotels.

Interested candidates may submit prescribed application along with five recent photographs, copies of marks cards, caste certificate, bank passbook details and Aadhaar card. For details contact Mob: 63620-18821 or Ph: 0821-2445388 or 2974388, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic takes a firm shape at an astonishing pace, doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff are the first to face the brunt, as usual. There are reports about fresh clusters being formed in hospitals across India, just as in the previous two waves of the pandemic. That hospitals are already facing a staff shortage is forcing many healthcare workers not to get tested to avoid the unpleasant situation arising out of an acute scarcity of manpower. Even if the third wave is less fatal compared to its previous incarnations, the spread of infection in hospitals may lead to complications among patients suffering from other ailments and those recuperating from surgeries.

Doctors on duty in casualty wards and outpatient departments should wear PPE kits and follow all COVID-appropriate behaviour. They may need to treat every patient as a carrier. As per the Indian Medical Association (IMA), more than 1,500 doctors sacrificed their life in the line of duty during the pandemic, with over 800 deaths during the second wave. Several nurses and healthcare staff too perished in two years. We can't afford to let this recur in the New Year. It is imperative that every State should appoint more healthcare staff and provide higher remuneration. Counselling for NEET, which has been delayed by over a year, needs to be undertaken on a war footing. Let's not underestimate Omicron. — *In The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman with long name has longest birth certificate

Texas: An ambitious mother who wanted to set a unique Guinness World Record gave her daughter a 1,019-letter name which resulted in her getting a two-foot-long birth certificate.

But what really stunned was when the girl, who went by "Jamie" recited her full name flawlessly.

See if you can do the same: Rhoshandiatellyneshiaunneveshenkescianneshaimondrischlyndasaccarnae renquellenendrasamecashaunettethalemeicoleshiwhalhinive'onchellecaundenesheaalausondrilynnejeanetrimyranaekuesaundrilynnezekeriakenvaunetradevonneyavondalatarneskcaevontaepreonkeinesceellaviavelzadawnefriendsettajessicannelesciajoyvaelloydietteyvettesparklenesceaundrieaquenttaekatilyaevea'shauwneorali aevaekizzieshiyjuanewandaleccianneréneitheliapreciousnesceverroneccaloveliatyronevekacarrionnehenriettaescecleonpatraruthelieacharsalynnmeokcamonaeloiesalynnecsiannemerciadellesciaustillaparissalondonveshadenequamonecaalexetiozetiaquaniaenglaundneshiafrancethosharomeshaunnehawaineakowethauandavernellchishankcarlinaaddoneillesciachristondrafawndrealaotrelleoctavionnemiariasarahtashabnequckagailenaxeteshiataharadaponsadeloriakoentescacraigneckadellanierstellavonnemyiatangoneshiadianacorvettinagodtawndrashirlenescekilokoneyasharrontannamyantoniaaquinettesequioadaurilessiaquatandamerceddiamaebellecescajamesauwnneltomecapolotyoajohny aetheodoradilcyana.

Sandra told Oprah that when her daughter was born on September 12, 1984, she and her husband wrote Rhoshandiatellyneshiaunneveshenk Koyaanisquatsiuth Williams on her birth certificate, but then they decided it wasn't long enough, so they filed an amendment which made her first name 1,019 letters long, and added the 36-letter middle name for good measure. Her birth certificate was 2ft long.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How to prevent recurrent kidney stone formation?
Adequate water intake, low salt intake, avoiding junk foods and treatment of any metabolic abnormalities which are detected by doing 24 hrs urinary analysis.

By Dr Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Bharatanatyam Rangarpane

Bengaluru, Jan. 10- Shivoham School of Performing Arts has organised Rangarpane — solo Bharatanatyam debut — of Anika R. Anand, disciple of Anil V. Iyer, at Shivarathreeshwara Centre on 1st Main Road in Jayanagar 8th Block, Bengaluru, at 6 pm tomorrow (Jan. 11).

She will be accompanied on natuvanga by Anil V. Iyer , vocal by Vid. Raghuram, mridanga by Vid. Vinay Nagarajan, flute by Vid. Mahesh Swamy and violin by Vid. Krishna Kashyap.

Anika, a Class 9 student of Sri Kumaran Children's Academy, is the daughter of R. Nithyanand and Sujatha K. Raju.

Noted Danseuse of Mysuru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, dancer-composer Sugganahally Shadakshari, renowned Bharatanatyam dancer Navia Natarajan and Sri Kumaran Children's Academy Principal K. Chandrakala will be present.

Anika R. Anand

REALLY...?

- ***The world's biggest man-made mirror isn't nearly as large, but it's still quite impressive. It measures almost 14 feet wide and will eventually become part of the largest telescope on Earth. This 3.5-ton unit was manufactured in Germany. The telescope will be located in Chile; construction may reach completion by 2024.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Why does the girl sit on the left and boy on right side during wedding ceremony?

Because, according to Profit and Loss Account, all incomes are on right side and expenses on the left !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.19
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.78
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.20
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.02

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 9
Day's Positive Cases	203	398
Total Positive Cases	1,80,932	1,81,330
Day's Discharges	15	18
Total Discharges	1,77,832	1,77,850
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,428	2,428
Total Active Cases	672	1,052

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

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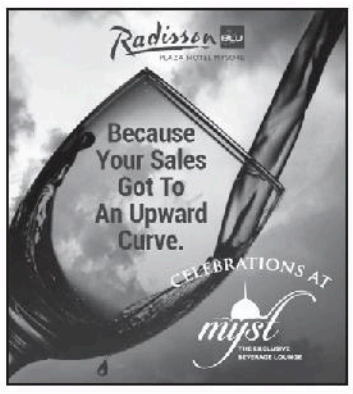

DC's plea as Medical Doctor

Please get vaccinated

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (MTY&BCT)- "I am not speaking as a DC but as a doctor. There are 90,000 people who are 18 and above years of age in Mysuru who have not taken their first dose of COVID vaccine and they are roaming around. They are at 10-fold risk of catching the virus and 30 percent of them (27,000) are at risk of hospitalisation."

These were the words of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who addressed a press conference at his office this morning. He at the same time came live on Facebook to directly reach out to people.

Over 4,60,000 in the 18-plus group are yet to take their second dose and despite many efforts by the District Administration, people are not turning up at vaccination booths and mobile centres. **"Please cooperate with us to ensure your health,"** the DC, himself a medical doctor, appealed.

Over 85 percent of infected are from Mysuru city alone and this is the aftermath of parties, free roaming, business and pleasure trips to Bengaluru and many picnic places, he said.

(See VACCINATED on page 9)

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who addressed the press meet in city this morning, seen with** (from left) **District Surveillance Officer (DSO) Dr. T. Shivaprasad, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad and Reproductive & Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth.

- **90,000 yet to receive first dose are at 10-fold risk; 27,000 at risk of being hospitalised**
- **Maximum infection reported from Mysuru city; rural areas better in awareness**
- **COVID Care Centre at KSOU Academic Bhavan in Mandakalli to function from today**
- **War Room to start functioning with 20 staff who will work round-the-clock in shifts**
- **Instruction given to Dasara Exhibition to close; number of visitors to Palace capped at 200**

Noted writer, activist Champa no more

Bengaluru, Jan. 10- Noted writer and activist Prof. Chandrashekhar Patil, well-known as Champa, passed away around 6.30 am today (Jan. 10) at a private hospital in Bengaluru. He was aged 83.

He was suffering from age-related ailments and is survived by his wife Neela Patil, also a writer and two children.

Family sources have said that his body will be brought to his Gayathri Layout house where the final rites will be performed.

Considered as one of the foremost voices of the Bandaya Movement, Champa was the Editor of the influential literary journal 'Sankramana' which was started with two of his friends Siddalinga Pattanashetti and Giraddi Govindaraj in 1964. He was known for leading many social and literary movements such as Gokak agitation, Bandaya Movement, anti-Emergency agitation, agitation for the implementation of Mandal report, Farmer's movement, etc.

After retiring as Professor of English from Karnataka University, Patil served as the President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat and as the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority. He was the President of the 83rd Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held in Mysuru.

Prof. Chandrashekhar Patil

Protesting the assassination of his friend and Vachana scholar M.M. Kalburgi, he had returned his Pampa Award, the highest literary honour of the Government of Karnataka.

A proponent of Kannada medium education, he was one of the rare writers who could say all his children and grandchildren studied in Kannada medium.

He has several literary works to his credit. *'Ardha Satyada Hudugi'* (1989), a collection of poems, won him Karnataka Sahitya Akademi Award for Poetry. His other notable works include *Banuli, Madhyabindu, Gandhi Smarane, Hoovu Hennu Taare, Shalmala Nanna Shalmala* and *Gundammana Gazhalagal.*

MMC&RI Hospitals get COVID-ready

Infrastructure, drug procurement, doctors, staff ready to handle third wave

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (MK&BCT)- The Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) that functioned like Mysuru's backbone during the first and second wave of COVID-19 pandemic is all set to face the third wave and simultaneously, the Omicron threat.

As the fear of a third wave lingers around with a sharp daily spike in cases, the healthcare infrastructure at the Institute is being prepped up to handle thousands of patients. This time too, the MMC&RI and the Hospitals attached to it have been asked to deal with any shortages and ramp up the facilities, including procurement of essential drugs for treatment.

The MMC&RI has been tasked with ramping up infrastructure at K.R. Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, District Hospital, Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital, PKTB Hospital and also at Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Maternity Hospital.

Along with the infrastructure, six teams of doctors with each team having 45 to 50 doctors and para-medical staff have been formed to treat patients in batches.

(See MMC&RI on page 6)

MUDA Commr. transferred

Mysuru, Jan.10- In a sudden and surprising development, the State Government today transferred Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh. The officer has been transferred without any posting, it is learnt.

Dr. D.B. Natesh

Within hours of the transfer, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy took additional charge as MUDA Commissioner this afternoon.

Dr. Natesh, who had taken over as MUDA Commissioner from P.S. Kantharaju on May 4, 2020, was transferred to Animal Husbandry Department at Bengaluru in June 2021. The Government then had appointed KAS officer Sheelavanth M. Shivakumar in place of Dr. Natesh. But the Government cancelled Natesh's transfer in just a day and the officer continued to serve as MUDA Commissioner, until his transfer today.

Dr. Natesh was in the news recently for operations and drives aimed at reclamation of encroached or grabbed MUDA properties worth hundreds of crores of rupees in and around the city.

NEWS BRIEFS

Calling achievers

Atmasri Kannada Samskrutika Pratishtana has invited applications from achievers of various category for awards. Those from Literature, Music, Corona Warriors, Sports, Dance, Folk, Theatre, Social Service, Education, Medical and Organising fields may send their details along with a photograph. The Pratishtana will present awards to 20 achievers at a programme organised at Daksha PU College in city on Feb. 5. Last date to apply is Jan. 25. [Mob: 94482-60417]

Early Childhood Education Conference

International Montessori and Kindergarten Training Academy (IMKTA) - Teacher Training Academy, Mysuru, has organised the Eighth Early Childhood Education Conference - 2022 at King's Kourt Hotel in city on Jan. 30 at 9.30 am. The Conference aims to create awareness among members working in Early Childhood Education & Pre-schools. Pre-school Teachers, Parents, Counsellors, Administrators and all stakeholders may attend. [Mob: 78299-37469 or 63664-52378].

Green pass for vaccinated

Amid rising COVID cases, the State Government is considering issuing green passes to identify fully-vaccinated citizens, Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said on Saturday. The Government is also planning to recruit 10,000 home surgeons and nursing students for tele-triaging, he said.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	123.12 feet
Yesterday	:	123.14 feet
Inflow	:	1,338 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,448 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,283.09 feet
Inflow	:	329 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,855.77 feet
Inflow	:	388 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Two booked for digging house to find treasure

The accused M.R. Ganesh and B.K. Sadiq

The house at Holamala village near Chennayyanakote of Siddapura where a hole was dug up by the accused in one of the rooms to retrieve a treasure trove.

Madikeri, Jan. 10 (PS&BCT)- Real estate in expanding cities and towns is of enormous value. More valuable is it when it yields buried treasures. In the quest of one such treasure, a family in Kodagu dug up their own house and getting wind of it, the Police have arrested two persons now.

Twenty-three-year-old M.R. Ganesh and 43-year-old B.K. Sadiq have been picked up for digging a hole under the house to retrieve a treasure trove at Holamala village near Chennayyanakote of Siddapura. The arrests were made by the Siddapura Police and District Crime Information Bureau (DCIB). While Ganesh does centring works, Sadiq hailed from Hanchinadka in Padubidri of Udupi district.

Ganesh had contacted certain people from Mangaluru and Kerala who practice occult as he believed that the earth under his house had treasures buried deep. Many occultists from the neighbouring State and Mangaluru had even visited Ganesh's house. Ganesh later came in contact with Sadiq who confirmed that there is indeed a treasure and the duo decided to dig the earth.

They chose the bedroom and started digging and since some days, they have been successful in digging about 15 ft. The Police got information about some activity like digging inside the house, especially in the night with lights on. People living nearby too had heard a consistent digging sound. The mud yielded from the digging was deposited in other rooms so that there is no suspicion.

The Police raid revealed that before the duo started digging the room, they sacrificed a rooster, praying for occult forces. The duo have confessed that in the coming days, they were planning to give a bigger sacrifice for the treasure to show up and for this, they had contacted more people who knew black magic.

Police said that due to constant digging, the foundation of the house had become weak and there was a danger of the structure collapsing. Most of the digging work was done after dark and the duo would rest during daytime.

Police said that initial investigation has revealed that there are more persons involved in the racket and efforts were on to arrest them. The Police have recovered several digging equipment and also materials used to perform black magic.

The arrests were led by DICB Inspector I.P. Medappa and Madikeri Circle Inspector P.V. Venkatesh.

Teachers killed as truck runs over

7-year-old boy escapes miraculously

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (KS)- Two teachers, who were proceeding on their bike, were killed on the spot, while a seven-year-old boy escaped miraculously when a truck ran over the bike near Arjunahalli on Mysuru-Hassan Highway last evening.

The deceased have been identified as M.R. Ravishankar (32), a resident of Megalapura near Yelwal in the taluk and Suresh (44), a resident of Kollegal taluk. Suresh's son seven-year-old Manvit, escaped miraculously with minor injuries and has been hospitalised.

On Sunday at about 3.30 pm, Ravishankar, a Karate instructor, Suresh, a teacher of a Government School near Dharmasthala and his son Manvit left Megalapura to Dharmasthala on Bajaj Avenger bike (KA-09-HM-3296).

When they were proceeding on Mysuru-Hassan Highway and neared Arjunahalli, a speeding truck (KA-51-A-3325), in a bid to overtake an autorickshaw, rammed into the bike. Due to the impact, Manvit was thrown to the side of the highway, while Ravishankar and Suresh came under the wheels of the truck and were killed on the spot, it is learnt.

K.R. Nagar Police, who rushed to the spot, shifted the bodies to the Taluk Hospital mortuary.

Police said that post-mortem will be conducted today and the bodies will be handed over to the family members. K.R. Nagar Police, who have registered a case, have arrested the truck driver and have seized the truck.

Attempt to snatch gold chain foiled

Girl hits chain-snatchers with stick, saves her gold chain

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (MK&KS)- A 21-year-old girl, using her presence of mind and displaying bravery, not only saved her gold chain from being snatched, but also hit the chain-snatchers who had come in a car with a stick, which helped the public to nab the miscreants. The incident took place near a hotel on JLB Road here yesterday.

Yesterday morning, the girl, identified as Sowmya, was walking her dog near a hotel on JLB Road when a miscreant snatched her gold chain and jumped into a waiting car.

But Sowmya, without panicking and using her presence of mind and displaying courage, went after the chain-snatchers and hit the person who was behind the wheels of the car with the stick she was carrying. This resulted in the car driver hitting a roadside tree and also a goods vehicle before bringing the car to a halt. Soon, passersby managed to catch hold of the miscreants and handed them over to the Police.

Vidyaranyapuram Police have registered a case.

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

VOICE OF THE READER

Fraudulent COVID vaccine certificate:

Will our DC intervene?

Sir,

This is to bring to your notice that I received the COVID vaccination — the first dose on 13th March 2021 and the second dose on 26th April 2021 — at Brindavan Hospital, Mysuru and both were Covishield.

Duly through CoWIN I have downloaded the certificates.

Now on 6th January 2022 I received SMS messages that I have been successfully vaccinated.

The fraudulent certificate which I received through CoWIN, second dose for me was on 4th January 2022 at UPHC, Lashkar, Gandhinagar, Mysuru.

This information about the second dose is absolutely wrong and fake. I am not sure if someone is misusing my name and my mobile number for fraudulent purposes. The important thing is that my Aadhaar number's last four digits are the same.

I would request our Deputy Commissioner (DC) to intervene and check the authenticity of these messages. I have the relevant certificates issued in April 2021 as well as the recent ones.

—N. Sreedhar

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Obituary

Channegowda

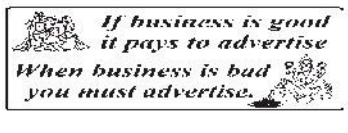
Mysuru, Jan. 10-Channegowda (75), a resident of Raghavendra Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Rangamma, daughter Indira and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

Syed Ali Pasha

Syed Ali Pasha (80), former employee of the then Ideal Jawa, Maintenance Supervisor at Farooqia Dental College, Mysuru and a resident of 10th Cross, near Farooqia Masjid in Rajendra Nagar, Kesare, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Umar in Bademakan after Zohar prayers (1.40 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.



Abdul Mujeeb

Abdul Mujeeb alias Bhijju (80), former Director of Muslim Co-operative Bank, Mysuru, ex-member of Rifahul Muslimeen Trust, Mysuru and a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and Tadfeen were held yesterday.

T.P. Gopal

T. P. Gopal (86) of Alfasteners Industry, Mysuru and a long time resident of Gokulam, passed away on Jan. 5 at his residence in Bengaluru. He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed in Bengaluru on Jan. 6.

Dr. Karuna Devi Mishra

Dr. Karuna Devi Mishra (50), Management faculty at Amrita and TTL College in city and a resident of Bogadi, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday.

Sister of well-known flutist Ravi Shankar Mishra, she leaves behind her father Dinesh Chandra Mishra, a businessman, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

DC visits Beedi Workers Hospital

Mysuru, Jan.10 (MTY&DM)- Following a representation by N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait on shoring up facilities at the Beedi Workers Hospital in Azeez Sait Nagar, Udayagiri, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham along with other officials, visited the Hospital on Sunday.

During inspection, the DC instructed the officials to set up a COVID Care Centre as requested by the MLA.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that all measures will be taken for treating the COVID affected at Beedi Workers Hospital. Asking the officials to ensure bed availability and oxygen facility, he said that officials must take appropriate measures for treating the COVID infected.

MLA Tanveer Sait said that urgent measures must be taken at Beedi Workers Hospital for establishing COVID Care Centre and also to treat the infected patients. He pointed out that the MCC has installed 3 Oxygen dura-cylinders apart from providing 39 jumbo cylinders at the Hospital, all of which are expected to meet any contingency in the days ahead.

The Hospital also has an Oxygen generating plant of 850-litre capacity, the MLA added.

DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad said that Beedi Workers Hospital currently has 350 beds out of which 150 are general beds, 150 Oxygenated beds, 20 ICU beds and 20 Step-down ICUs. The District Health Department is taking care of COVID treatment at the Hospital, he added.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth and other officials were present.

Accelerate teenagers vaccination in mission mode: PM Modi

Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Jan. 10 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday chaired a high-level meeting to assess the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country and directed the officials that intensive containment and active surveillance should continue in clusters reporting higher cases.

The PM noted the achievement that 31 percent adolescents aged 15-18 years have been administered with the first dose of vaccine so far within seven days of the drive and urged to further accelerate the drive for adolescents in mission mode.

The Prime Minister stressed upon the need to ensure adequate health infrastructure at the district-level and asked officials to maintain co-ordination regarding this with the States.

The Prime Minister said that required technical support be provided to States, which are reporting higher cases presently.

Modi was first given a detailed presentation by the Health Secretary regarding ongoing preparedness of health infrastructure and logistics, status of the vaccination campaign in the country and the emergence of new COVID-19 variant Omicron and its public health implications.

The Health Secretary also gave presentation on the surge in cases currently being reported globally.

The Prime Minister was briefed on the status of COVID-19 in the country with regard to various States and districts of concern based on the surge in cases and high positivity rate being reported.

The Prime Minister highlighted the need to ensure effective usage of masks and physical distancing measures as a new normal to control the spread and exhorted the need for effective implementation of Home Isolation for mild/asymptomatic cases and to disseminate the factual information to the community at large.

The PM said that a meeting with CMs be convened to discuss State specific scenarios, best practices and the public health response.

The Prime Minister emphasised on the need to ensure continuity of non-COVID health services, while managing COVID cases presently. He also spoke about the need to leverage telemedicine to ensure availability of health related guidance to people in remote and rural areas.

He conveyed his gratitude for the relentless services provided by healthcare workers and suggested to ensure that the vaccination coverage through precaution dose for healthcare workers, front line workers should also be taken up in mission mode.

The PM also spoke about the importance for continuous scientific research in testing, vaccines and pharmacological interventions, including genome sequencing, given that the virus is evolving continuously.

Home Minister Amit Shah, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Member (Health) of NITI Aayog V.K. Paul, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Home Secretary A.K. Bhalla and Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan were among those who were present in the meeting virtually.

Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, in a tweet, said over two crore children between the age group of 15-18 have been vaccinated against COVID-19 since Jan. 3.

"Congratulations to all my young friends who got vaccinated," he said.

COVID booster dose vaccination drive launched in city

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (PM, MTY& KS)- The nationwide COVID-19 booster dose vaccination drive was launched in city this morning.

In the first phase of the drive, healthcare and frontline workers including Police, Revenue Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Urban Development Department and those over 60 years of age with comorbidities will be vaccinated.

MMC&RI: The booster dose vaccination drive by Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) was launched by Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra at the MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall at J.K. Grounds with a medical staff administering the booster dose to a senior citizen.

The vaccine drive by MMC&RI will continue at Charaka Government Ayurveda Post-Graduation Centre in Brindavan Extension on KRS Road from tomorrow.

MLA seeks Rs. 86 crore fund

Speaking after launching the vaccine drive, MLA Nagendra called upon the public, who have taken both the doses and completed the waiting period (9 months) to get themselves vaccinated with the booster dose.

Continuing, the MLA said that he has written a letter to the Government seeking Rs. 86 crore grant for the development of Krishnarajendra (KR) and Cheluvamba Hospitals and also for the development of student hostels. He said that the works would be launched after the grants are received and completing all formalities such as calling tenders etc.

The precautionary COVID-19 vaccine dose (booster dose) will be the same vaccine as administered previously in the first two doses, which means those who have received Covaxin will receive Covaxin and those who have received two doses of Covishield will receive Covishield.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh, Principal Dr. Dakshayini, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Nanjundaswamy, Cheluvamba Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Sudha Rudrappa, Professor and Head of the Department of Community Medicine of MMC&RI Dr. Mudassir Azeez Khan, MMC&RI Administrative Officer Veena and others were present.

Eligibility of such beneficiaries for the precaution dose will be based on the date of administration of the second dose as recorded in the CoWIN system (completion of 9 months — 39 weeks from the date of administration of second dose), according to the guidelines issued by the Centre. Registration and appointments are available in both online and onsite formats. The eligible population who have taken two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine can directly take an appointment or walk into any vaccination centre.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and others during the booster dose drive at MMC&RI Platinum Jubilee Hall this morning.

At SMT Hospital

Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas launched the booster dose COVID vaccination drive at Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital on JLB Road this morning.

Speaking after launching the vaccination drive, he said that the Government, after providing first and second doses of both Covaxin and Covishield vaccines for free to protect the people from the deadly virus, has now launched the booster dose vaccination drive.

He called upon eligible beneficiaries to come forward and get themselves vaccinated and also follow COVID precautionary measures such as wearing mask, maintain social distance and use hand sanitisers to keep the virus at bay.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth, District Surveillance Officer (DSO) Dr. Shivprasad, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others were present on the occasion.

Mysuru city keeps lion's share in COVID cases

Mysuru's positivity rate stands at 5 percent

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (BCT)- Mysuru is witnessing a sharp spike in COVID-19 cases and on Sunday, Jan. 9, an additional 398 positive cases were reported. From Jan. 7 to 9, over 820 fresh cases have been reported taking the number of active cases to 1,052. Fortunately, there have been no reports of death but the rise in positivity rate has spread fear.

Of the 398 cases reported in Mysuru, 307 were from Mysuru city alone while T. Narasipur reported 35 new cases. H.D. Kote reported 3 cases, Hunsur 4, while there were 9 new cases from K.R. Nagar, Mysuru Rural 24, Nanjangud 9 and Periyapatna 5 cases. Saligrama reported 2 cases while Saragur did not report any fresh cases. There were 60 cases of patients who were 17 years and below of whom 42 were from Mysuru city alone. Of the 1,052 active cases in district, 817 are from city while the rest are in the other taluks.

As per the media bulletin released by the District Administration, in all, 7,070 samples were tested and the cumulative positive cases stands at 1,81,330 as on yesterday. Of the 1,052 active cases, 927 are under home isolation, 87 are in dedicated COVID hospitals and 38 in private hospitals.

Positivity rate

An analysis by the State COVID-19 War Room shows that Bengaluru Urban has 10.39 percent COVID positivity rate, the highest as on Jan. 8, while Haveri reported the lowest on the same day with 0.2 percent.

The average positivity rate of Karnataka on Saturday stood at 6.77 percent. On the same day, five districts reported a positivity rate of over 5 percent. These districts are Bengaluru (Urban), Bengaluru (Rural), Shivamogga, Mandya and Mysuru. Four districts recorded a positivity rate of less than 1 percent and these are Bagalkot, Gadag, Raichur and Haveri.

MMC&RI Hospitals

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Dr. Dinesh

At K.R. Hospital, the main wing of MMC&RI, 612 beds have been facilitated to treat COVID patients and of them, 501 are oxygenated, 74 normal beds, 6 are ICU and 31 are ventilator-cum-ICU beds. The K.R. Hospital also should treat non-COVID patients and in all, there are 1,050 beds there. There are 100 oxygenated beds at PKTB Hospital.

In Princess Krishnaja-mmanni Super Speciality Hospital, there are 100 oxyge-nated beds, 16 ventilators, 17 ICU and at Trauma Care Centre there are 12 ventilators, 18 ICUs and 120 oxygenated beds. To treat infected children, 111 beds have been arranged at Cheluvamba Hospital and 27 beds reserved for infected pregnant women.

This apart, the MMC&RI already has the 250-bed District Hospital on KRS Road that is meant only to treat COVID patients with advanced facilities and also the Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital on the JLB Road.

Back-up arrangements

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh told *Star of Mysore* that the Super Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre will cater to the infected patients in case the beds are fully occupied in the main hospitals — K.R. Hospital and District Hospital.

In the second wave, the Super Speciality Hospital was managed under Public-Private-Partnership model with private hospitals, companies and philanthropists joining hands with the District Administration. It is also equipped with 30 paediatric ventilators, 20 High Dependency Units

Drug procurement

Dr. Dinesh said that procurement of drugs has been stepped up and the administration was in constant touch with the suppliers to ensure that there is no shortage like in the first and second wave. "Essential drugs for the treatment are being procured with orders already placed with the supplier agencies and there will be no shortage of drugs as all medicines will be made available to the patients," he said.

At present, there are nine patients who are being treated for COVID at K.R, Hospital. Dr. Dinesh said that though the number of patients is less in Mysuru, the positivity rate is a cause for concern. "Those people who test positive but show no symptoms and are healthy are being sent for home isolation and if there are any differences in their health, they are being admitted to hospitals," he said.

All those symptomatic people are being admitted to hospitals though they have not tested positive and isolation wards have been readied. "If they test negative, they are being sent to normal wards while those tested positive are being shifted to COVID ward," Dr. Dinesh added.

Ex-lineman cons 26 girls

Promises to marry and get them jobs

Bengaluru, Jan. 10- The Bengaluru Cybercrime Division Police yesterday arrested a conman, who had allegedly cheated 26 unemployed women of cash and jewellery by promising to marry them and also get them jobs in Hubli Electricity Supply Company (HESCOM).

The accused has been identified as 33-year-old Vittal Padukote, a native of Vijayapura and an ex-employee of HESCOM.

Vittal had worked as a lineman at HESCOM for eight months. He had got the job on compensation basis after his father passed away while in service. He was earlier arrested for the murder of his lover in 2013 and after serving two years in jail, he had come out on bail.

To earn quick money, the accused had uploaded his fake profile on matrimonial sites posing himself as a Section Officer in HESCOM. He then used to send messages to girls who were seeking a suitable partner telling them that he was interested after going through their profile and used to collect their family details.

After getting friendly with them, the accused used to tell them that there were vacant posts in HESCOM and as he knew the officials, he would get them jobs easily without them writing the exam for which they had to shell out some money.

Believing him, the girls used to transfer money to his bank account and the accused had lured 26 women from various parts of the State and had cheated them to the tune of lakhs of rupees.

But one girl, who came to know that she was cheated, lodged a complaint and had also given the recordings of the conversation she had made with the accused.

The Police, based on the location of his mobile phone number, traced the accused in Hubballi, arrested him and have brought him to Bengaluru.

CESC recovering dues as per norms: MD

Jayavibhavaswamy
Managing Director, CESC

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (DM)- Faced with opposition by elected representatives over CESC's action of disconnecting power of power bill defaulters under its jurisdiction, the State-owned Electricity Company has come forward to convince the elected representatives on recovery of pending power bill dues which has run up to hundreds of crores of rupees.

Defending the CESC officials action of cutting off power at Alambur village in Nanjangud taluk for non-payment of bills, CESC Managing Director Jayavibhavaswamy said that CESC officials and Engineers have been asked to meet the Legislator and other elected representatives of their respective area and apprise them of facts and also seek their co-operation for recovery of pending dues.

Pointing out that the Union Energy Minister recently held a meeting of power officials, during which the Minister gave some instructions on recovery of dues, Jayavibhavaswamy said that it is important to note that the Union Government has directed banks not to advance loans for loss-making power companies, while also asking the power companies to clear their Bank loans only through recovery of pending dues. Maintaining that recovery of pending power bill dues is of utmost importance for CESC to come out of the red, Jayavibhavaswamy said that power disconnection seems to be the only way for recovery and as such, the elected representatives must co-operate with CESC in this regard.

Regretting incidents of verbal abuse and attacks on CESC staff when they go for power bill dues recovery, he said that it has become inevitable for CESC to go ahead with its recovery drive as per norms.

Asking the people to refrain from attacking and abusing CESC staff, he said that such acts amount to obstruction to duty of Government servants, which attracts legal action.

He warned that legal action will be initiated against those obstructing CESC staff from performing their duties.

More than 65,000 aspirants attended Job-Generation Mela: MLA Ramdas

CM to be presented a 25-page booklet on Jan. 12

Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas** (second from right) **addressing a press meet at Hotel Siddharta in city this morning as** (from left) **City BJP Gen. Secretary Vaneesh Kumar, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa and District President Mangala Somashekar look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that the 4-day Job-Generation and Skill Training Mela that was held at different venues in Krishnaraja (KR) Assembly segment from Jan. 4 to 7 attracted over 65,000 aspirants and budding entrepreneurs from across the district, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas said that about 27,500 of them (15,000 at the venues and 12,500 during door-to-door visit by party works) have registered for jobs and skill training of their choice.

Addressing a press meet at Hotel Siddharta here this morning, Ramdas said that the four-day Mela that was organised in association with Education, Industries, Skill Development, Labour, Co-operation, Horticulture, Tourism and Animal Husbandry Departments, was a huge success.

Pointing out that the 20-day 'Modi Yug Utsav' that he had organised in the city in September-October last marking the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and 75th year of Indian independence, saw the participation of over 25,000 school children aged over 13 years, he said that the Utsav too was a bit hit among youths as they showed tremendous interest in registering their profession or vocation of their choice for getting trained in that.

Referring back to the 4-day Job-Generation Mela, Ramdas said that about 15,000 school children in the age group of 15 to 18 years were vaccinated during the Mela. The KR Constituency has recorded 98 percent achievement in vaccination of 15-18 years age group, he added.

Continuing, Ramdas said that a 25-page booklet explaining the activities and programmes that were part of all the Melas that he had held so far in the past four years will be presented to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the CM's Home-Office Krishna in Bengaluru on Jan. 12.

The CM will also be presented with another book that contains (Ramdas) suggestions based on his experience on making some changes for more effective and wider implementation of 182 Central Government Schemes.

The CM will also launch a KR Constituency specific website that contains details of all development works and issues concerning the constituency on Jan. 12, he added.

"Seeing the success of the Job-Generation Mela, I have planned to organise similar Melas at all taluk headquarters of the district in the days ahead," he said.

Replying to a question on whether he was an aspirant for a Ministerial berth, Ramdas asserted that he was not in wait to become a Minister. However, he was ready to accept any role that the party assigns him, he said and added that he will continue to work as an ordinary party worker, whether he was inducted to the Cabinet or not.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President Mangala Somashekar, leaders Vaneesh Kumar, M. Vadivelu and others were present at the press meet.

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 10- Owing to 4th quarterly emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Jan. 11) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Jalapuri, Gayatripuram, Jyothi Nagar, Udayagiri, Kytamaranahalli, Shanti Nagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Ganesh Nagar, Satya Nagar, Mahadevapura, German Press, Usmania Block, Ghousia Nagar, Raghavendra Nagar, Giriya Bovi Palya, Yarganahalli, Bannur Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

MP to launch crematorium development works on Jan. 13

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Jan. 10 (RK&DM)- MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra will perform *guddali puja* to launch crematorium development works at Kumbarakoppal coming under Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ward No. 4 at 10 am on Jan. 13.

The development works include installation of an Electric Burning Machine, civil works, installation of high-mast lamps, diesel generator, electric transformer and construction of an overhead tank, totally costing about Rs. 1.5 crore, according to a press release from area Corporator Pailwan Sreenivas.

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Mysore Memories...

A Visionary Educationist of Mysore -2

Prof. N.S. Subba Rao and intellectual giants

T. S. Venkannayya | *Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri* | *A. R. Krishna Shastry* | *A. N. Murthy Rao* | *Thi. Tha. Sharma* | *D. V. Gundappa*

By Dr. Bhagirath S. Naganath

[Continued from Jan. 8]

T.S. Venkannayya's inclusion into the faculty at Maharaja College was thanks to Prof. N.S. Subba Rao's foresight. When B. Krishnappa passed away, there was a vacant Assistant Professor position at Maharaja College, Mysore. While many candidates were considered in the meeting, Subba Rao is credited with the statement: *"Venkannaya is a man with a feel for literature — of a very rare type. In many ways, he resembles the best Professors in the prestigious Universities of the West."* T. S. Venkannayya's legacy on the Kannada Department and his subsequent nurturing of Kuvempu merit another article in its entirety!

Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri

Prof. N.S. Subba Rao's good student Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri (the future historian) was awarded the first research scholarship of the University. He wrote *"Sources of Karnataka History, Vol I"* and it was meant to be published by Prasaranga. The manuscript was borrowed by an eminent scholar who lived in a far away city. Unfortunately, he never bothered to return it! Dr. Sastri wrote the book again and this time a famous archaeologist borrowed it on the pretext of reading it and never returned it.

When Prof. N.S. Subba Rao became the Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, he requested Dr. Sastri to write it for the third time. Because of Subba Rao, it came to be published by Prasaranga in 1940. Later Dr. Sastri wrote Vol 2. and Vol 3. in this series — sadly, these manuscripts are missing today.

A.R. Krishna Shastry

During A.R. Krishna Shastry's tenure as Editor of *'Prabhuddha Karnataka'*, it was at Subba Rao's insistence that the magazine sought to follow certain tenets which would keep it in good stead over the next few decades — these being that the issue should always come out on time, that apart from literature it should also include content on non-literary aspects of political life and most importantly to include and involve people and contributions from areas immediately outside the Mysore princely area as well.

N.S. Subba Rao chaired a meeting with Thomas Denham and Radha Kumudh Mukherjee in 1918 towards establishment of University of Mysore library. Later, he would spearhead the development of Mysore Government Central Library along with B.M. Srikantaiah and M. Venkatakrishnayya.

A.N. Murthy Rao

All throughout his years at the University, people remember seeing him in a crisp navy-blue suit, moving about with an imposing stride with books clasped in both hands. Often criticised by his peers for being too anglicised in his ways and mannerisms, A.N. Murthy Rao notes that in the decades hence,

Prof. N.S. Subba Rao

Subba Rao did embrace Indian mannerisms in almost all walks of life, including his dress. Subba Rao entertained many students at his Lakshmipuram house in Mysore with witty banter and engaging intellectual conversations which would often grow late into the night. He would feed them sumptuous meals before seeing them off. His concern for poor students saw him come up with the 'College Library Scholarship Fund.'

N.S. Subba Rao had an artistic conscience of his own! In a candid conversation with A.N. Murthy Rao, he is believed to have remarked thus: *"Sometimes, positions of power — Professorship, Principalship and later Vice-Chancellorship — ought not to come early. Because they came in rapid succession and quite early on in my case, probably my creative and scholarly output fell short of what it could have been otherwise!"* His lacking when it came to scholarly or creative output over the decades troubled him in his quieter moments. Along with Murthy Rao and B.M. Srikantaiah, Subba Rao is remembered to have frequented Rallapalli Anantha Krishna Sharma's house quite often to listen to his music.

By 1930, it had become something of a staple feature for every budding theatre artiste to emulate and mimic the famous A.V. Varadachar. While this was no doubt a testament to the famous thespian's enduring legacy, the all too repetitive enactments of Varadachar's mannerisms on stage became an embarrassment to the University theatre scene. Subba Rao had to step in and politely remind the young artistes that to imitate the inimitable A.V. (Varadachar) was indeed a poor man's game!

Maharaja College group photo showing N.S. Subba Rao and T.S. Venkannayya among others. *Sitting on chairs from left:* ***1. M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy, 2. A.N. Narasimhaiah, 3. B. Venkobachar, 4. T.S. Venkannayya, 5. B.M. Srikantaiah, 6. N.S. Subba Rao, 7. B. Venkatanaranappa, 8. Name not known, 9. Tiruvallur Sreenivasa Raghavacharya and 10. V. Seetharamaiah;*** *Standing behind chairs from left:* ***1. Nittoor Sreenivasa Rao, 2. K. Anantaramaiah, 3. M.R. Varadachar, (others' names not known), 8. P. Sreenivasa Rao;*** *Sitting on floor:* ***4. K. Gopalakrishna Rao*** *(others' names not known).*

Thi. Tha. Sharma

In 1933, T.S. Venkannayya had arranged a debate competition on Hosa Kavya in front of the Central College campus at Bangalore. N.S. Subba Rao was the Chairperson and Maasti was the guest of honour. There ensued a heated debate between Thi. Tha. Sharma and B. M. Srikantaiah on Hosa Kavya poetry in Kannada. When things seemed to be getting out of hand, it was thanks to Subba Rao's timely intervention, that Maasti was given the opportunity to deflect the entire course of the event with regaled humour and endless anecdotes. After a hiatus of about twenty minutes, the tense atmosphere seemed to ease a bit and both Sharma and Srikantaiah shook hands in a spirit of reconciliation!

D. V. Gundappa

When D. V. Gundappa (DVG) was Secretary of Kannada Sahitya Akademi and there was an opportunity to sponsor Subba Rao on a literary tour of Maharashtra at the Sahitya Akademi's expense, D.V.G. was faced with a dilemma. The literary trip would entail a cost of nearly 600 rupees. This was at a time, when the Sahitya Akademi's finances were looking quite bleak thanks to many wealthy merchant donors pulling out at the last moment!

D.V.G. did not have the heart to convey this predicament to Subba Rao. Yet, Subba Rao came to know about this through other sources and at once wrote to D.V.G. to abandon his attempts at financing his trip on behalf of the Akademi. Subba Rao took it upon himself to fund and plan the whole tour, hoping not to burden the Kannada Sahitya Akademi in any way! D.V.G. would remember this kind gesture for many years as a testament to this man's spirit of generosity.

[To be continued]

Elephantine tension...

A herd of six elephants, which had come out of Nagarahole Reserve Forest, raided the agricultural fields at Penjahalli, Nagapura and Hosur villages and destroyed the crops last night. The herd, which tried to go back to the forest at the break of dawn today, panicked on seeing villagers and entered a canal to cross over to the other side. Soon, a large crowd gathered on the canal bund and the elephants which tried to climb over the concrete sides of the canal slipped back and on seeing people, they began to run in the canal to cross over to the other side. The Forest Department staff, who rushed to the spot, appealed the villagers to stay calm and move away from the canal so that the elephants could climb over to the other side. The herd was still wandering in the canal when we went to the Press at 12 noon.

Chamaraja MLA's *padayatra* to inspect works, hear grievances

Mysuru, Jan. 10- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra took out a *padayatra* in his constituency on Friday to inspect the ongoing or carried out works and also to hear public grievances.

Beginning his *padayatra* from Trinetra Circle, Nagendra inspected road development works in Mahadeshwara Layout, which is taken up at a cost of Rs. 1.5 crore out of the State's SFC grant.

Later the MLA inspected road asphalting works on several cross roads of the locality being executed at a cost of Rs. 34 lakh, construction of drain and deck at Kidaganamma block, construction of Kodagu Gowda Samaja building and temple development works being taken up under Aradhana Scheme, among others.

During the *padayatra*, many residents complained about waste disposal, following which he directed the MCC officials to take necessary measures for waste clearance and disposal.

A few residents complained about leaking roof of JnURM complex in Dongri Colony of Mahadeshwara Layout, following which the MLA directed the Karnataka Slum Clearance Board officials to fix the problem.

Nagendra also received complaints that the park in Railway Layout had become a haven for illegal activities. The MLA directed the jurisdictional Police to take necessary action in this regard. He also directed PWD officials to immediately start road development works that have been accorded sanction.

Corporators K.V. Sridhar and Chikkavenkatu, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Development) Mahesh, Zone 5 Assistant Commissioner Krishna, Development Officer Manu Gowda, BJP leaders Somashekar Raju, Puneeth Gowda, Sachin, Tanuja Mahesh and others were present.

AYUSH Ministry to hold global Surya Namaskar on Jan. 14

New Delhi, Jan. 10- The Ministry of AYUSH is organising a global Surya Namaskar demonstration programme for 75 lakh people on Jan. 14 on the occasion of Makar Sankranti.

On this day, Surya Namaskar is offered as a salutation to the Sun to exhibit one's gratitude for each of its rays as it nurtures all living being, an Ayush Ministry statement read. Scientifically, Surya Namaskar has been known to develop immunity and improve vitality, which is significant to health during pandemic conditions, it stated.

Exposure to the Sun provides the human body Vitamin D, which has been widely recommended in all medical branches around the world, the Ministry noted.

The mass Surya Namaskar demonstration also intends to carry the message of climate change and global warming, the statement said.

In today's world where climate consciousness is imperative, the implementation of solar e-energy (green energy) in daily life will greatly reduce carbon emissions that threaten the planet. Further, the event will underline the importance of Makar Sankranti in our cultural and spiritual heritage, the statement said.

Surya Namaskar is a set of eight 'asanas' performed in 12 steps with coordination of the body and mind. It is preferably performed in the early morning.

Get vaccinated

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"There are three clusters in Mysuru and compared to the city areas, rural areas have seen fewer cases as there is more awareness and also open spaces," DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham said.

Mysuru had achieved 98 percent in vaccination (first dose) of 18-plus population and now as 15-17 years old are also vaccinated, the percentage has reduced to 96.57. The district has achieved 88 percent in second dose immunisation and now as 15-17 are also being jabbed, the percentage has come down to 82.

Beds and infrastructure

Regarding the arrangements made in the district to combat the third wave, the DC said that in the 14 Government hospitals, 2,048 beds have been readied and 1,661 beds have been readied at private hospitals. There are 2,611 beds at COVID Care Centres.

"In all, we have 6,380 beds ready and from today, the KSOU COVID Care Centre near Mandakalli on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road will be operational with 700 beds. Last year, this unit had 6,050 patients and we will be ready to accommodate more patients stage by stage. All those 21 hostels that were converted as COVID Care Centres during the second wave and closed after cases reduced, will now be reconverted and arrangements of doctors, cooks, staff and nurses are being made in case the positivity further spikes," the DC explained.

War Room from today

The District Administration is war-ready and can open a COVID Care Centre at any of the 21 hostels within a span of six to 12 hours, he added.

"From today, the COVID War Room at the District Offices Complex in Siddarthanagar will function with 20 staff. They will work round-the-clock in shifts and we will depute more people in case of need. Also, teams or squads will be formed at the district and city level to enforce COVID norms and COVID-appropriate behaviour," he added.

On other measures taken by the administration, Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that the on-going exhibition at Dasara Exhibition Grounds will be closed. "I have passed on instructions to close the event as it is risky to accommodate more people. Visitors to the Mysore Palace will be capped at 200 at a time and as it is an open space, this number seems fair. Even the same rule will apply for Mysuru Zoo. I am told that there are fewer visitors to the Zoo these days," he said.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth and District Surveillance Officer Dr. T. Shivaprasad were present with the DC.

Obituary

Kishandas Dodeja

Mysuru, Jan. 10- Kishandas Dodeja (87), a resident of Agrahara, passed away on Jan. 7 at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his wife Rajkumari, son Suraj, daughter Jyothi, daughter-in-law Aanchal, grandchildren Sahil and Sneha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Jan. 8, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Voluble

Pronunciation: VAHL-yuh-bul.
Meaning: Voluble means "characterised by ready or rapid speech."
Origin: Voluble traces back to Latin volvere, meaning "to set in a circular course" or "to cause to roll." English rolled with that meaning, using voluble as an adjective to describe things easily rolling, changing, or turning, and later added the meaning of Latin volūbilis, which implies readily flowing speech. Today, voluble most often describes an individual who speaks easily and often.
Example: "[Erich Jarvis] hypothesised that the most vocal animals are typically the ones that have to worry less about predators. Interestingly, he noticed that especially voluble vocal learners 'tend to be near the top of the food chain—like humans, whales, and dolphins or elephants.'" — Emma Bryce

THE ODD WORD

Vaccary

Dairy or cow pasture.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

White lie

Meaning: The phrase 'White Lie' means that the falsehood being told is one that is unimportant, particularly if it is meant to be polite or tactful.
Origin: There is no known origin for the term 'white lie.' White has been used to signify purity, good, or harmless for millennia, and it is possible that the expression 'white lie' is hundreds of years old.
Example: "I told a little white lie and said she looked just fine."

QUOTE BOX

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Flat tyre.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Dream Girl, ___ Malini
5 "Air" as prefix
9 Recede
12 Prepare a manuscript for publication
13 A flat piece of rock or cake
14 Native or inhabitant as a suffix
15 Dill herb - "neat" anagram
16 A precious metal
18 Cure-all
20 Auto Flight Sys.
21 Good for Guillaume
22 Hand-gun
25 Storehouse especially for military supplies
28 Is able
29 Center starter
30 Give it __ __ : have a go at it? (1,3)
31 Penultimate mo.
32 Clock-face
33 The path of virtuous conduct according to the Chinese?
34 Miserable
35 Not the effeminate sort?
36 Aslant
38 Looked at
39 International Standard Atmosphere
40 Turned upside-down (2-5)
44 Computer applications
47 Least amount
48 "Hip" anagram for a Greek character ?
49 Meeting point
50 Socially unacceptable (3-1)
51 Annual maintenance contract
52 Small narrow spade for weeding
53 Snatch or seize

DOWN
1 Make into a pile
2 "Dane" anagram for a girl's name?
3 Bearing
4 Bravo! Well done!
5 Trembling poplar
6 Fitzgerald of scat
7 Regional Airline Assoc.
8 Get or procure
9 German physicist, Albert ___
10 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
11 British Empire Medal
17 Conditions
19 Bed for a child
22 Vada ___ : Mumbai's favourite snack
23 Gemstone
24 Easter flower
25 A list of facts
26 Greek letters-"seat" changed?
27 Fruitful, abundantly productive?
28 "Doc" changes into a type of fish?
31 Not
32 ___ on : beginning to be understood by?
34 Engenders
35 __ West : life-jacket ?
37 The German for 'east'
38 More haste less ____ : a well-known saying?
40 Language similar to Hindi
41 ___ ___ die : persist regardless of danger? (2,2)
42 Sicilian volcano
43 Smear paint
44 A mineral spring resort
45 Resistance unit
46 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

S	W	A	B	■	R	N	P	■	I	B	A	R
R	I	T	A	■	O	A	R	■	N	O	T	A
O	T	O	S	C	O	P	E	■	S	M	U	G
■	■	■	I	S	T	■	T	R	E	B	L	E
W	R	E	C	K	■	H	O	O	T	S	■	■
A	A	L	S	■	A	E	R	O	■	H	R	T
L	S	I	■	C	L	A	I	M	■	E	O	E
K	H	Z	■	A	L	D	A	■	A	L	B	S
■	■	A	R	R	A	Y	■	A	R	L	E	S
N	O	B	O	D	Y	■	V	I	M	■	■	■
A	D	E	N	■	I	M	I	T	A	B	L	E
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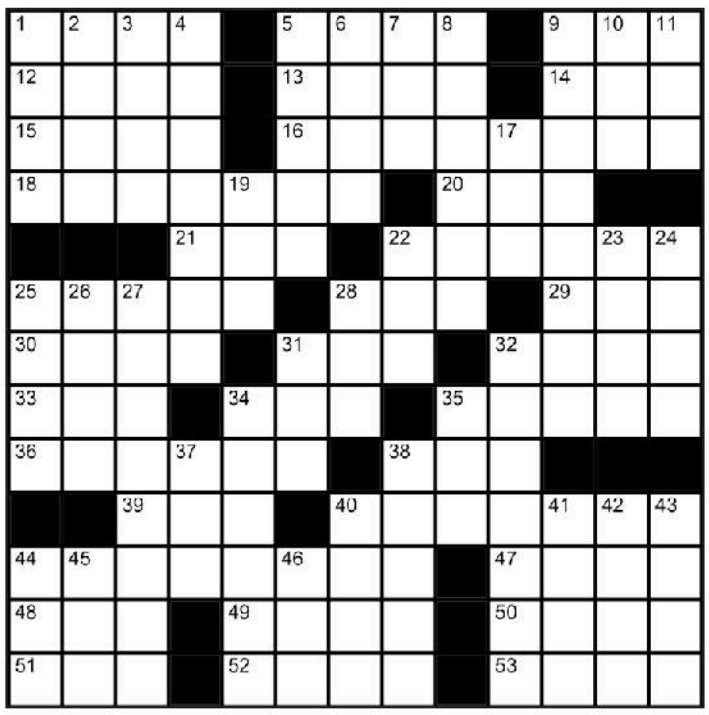

SUDOKU

1				8				9
6			5		1			7
		7		3		2		
	1			9			3	
3	8						9	1
	7			5			4	
		2		7		1		
5			9		2			3
7				4				6

Answer to previous puzzle

3	6	5	8	2	4	9	7	1
1	7	2	9	3	6	5	8	4
9	4	8	5	1	7	3	6	2
5	3	1	7	4	8	6	2	9
6	2	7	3	9	1	4	5	8
8	9	4	6	5	2	7	1	3
4	1	3	2	6	5	8	9	7
2	8	6	4	7	9	1	3	5
7	5	9	1	8	3	2	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QH IOUV O GYBIQ QH CH O QIYZB YW ZHQ OQ OAA

QIV WOEV OW QH TV GYBIQ YZ CHYZB YQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS G

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

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- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Rider (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Rider (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
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  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
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  Pushpa: The Rise (Te) - 3 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Arjun Gowda (K) - 2 Shows; *Sri Jagannatha Daasaru (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Antim: The Final Truth (H) - 4 Shows
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Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (2D-E)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Arjun Gowda (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Rider (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	(S-3)	7.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

83 (H)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.55 pm
	(S-3)	5.40 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	2.50 pm, 6.10 pm
Rider (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 6.30 pm
	(S-3)	2.35 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	(S-4)	5.30 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	2.35 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am

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83 (H)	:	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 6.10 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	11.00 am, 6.00 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.00 noon, 2.55 pm, 5.50 pm
Rider (K)	:	11.15 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	:	2.10 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (K)	:	11.45 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	:	5.20 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	:	2.20 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	11.00 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (H)	:	2.15 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	:	11.15 am
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (K)	:	2.25 pm
83 (H)	:	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
Rider (K)	:	2.55 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	:	6.00 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	6.05 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Love You Rachu (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Rider (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	(S-3)	6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2022

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

D GOLD for Andolana Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 10- Following are the selections for the 13th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here tomorrow (Tuesday - Jan. 11, 2022):

1. 10.30 AM THE VESUVIUS PLATE
1100 mts. - 3 Years (Terms)
1. FLAMINGO DANCER 2. GALLERY QUEEN

2. 11.00 AM THE SANKRANTHI PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65
1. WHAT IS THIS 2. SHIVALIK SULTAN

3. 11.30 AM THE ANDOLANA TROPHY
1600 mts. - rated 75 and above
1. D GOLD 2. D HUNTER

4. 12 NOON THE LT. COL. C. RUDRAPPA MEMORIAL PLATE - DIV. II
1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. UNIMAGINABLE 2. WIND STRIKER

5. 12.30 PM THE RAJENDRAVILAS PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. LUCKY LUCIANO 2. RAUCH

6. 1.00 PM THE ELLORA PLATE
1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65
1. AURELIA 2. MARCH TO VICTORY

7. 1.30 PM THE LT. COL. C. RUDRAPPA MEMORIAL PLATE - DIV. I
1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. AQUILA D'ORO 2. ASTARA

DAY'S BEST: *D GOLD*
DOUBLE: *1. AURELIA 2. AQUILA D'ORO*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6 & 7*
I TREBLE: *2, 3 & 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6 & 7*
EXACTAS: *6 & 7*

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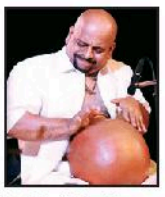
EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 10)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust:** 60th Heritage Music Festival, Kavya Vaachana, **5.15 pm; Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna** - Vocal; **Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi** - Violin; **Vid. Patri Satish Kumar** - Mridanga; **Vid. Suresh Vaidyanathan** - Morching, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.** [Only those who have taken two doses of COVID vaccine can attend the event]



- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 11)

- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru and Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **11 am to 1.30 pm.**
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Counselling

New Delhi, Jan. 10- Counselling for Post-Graduate (PG) Medical courses to allocate seats to successful candidates for the 2021-22 academic session will begin on Jan. 12, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said yesterday.

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed the Centre to go ahead with counselling for NEET-PG and UG Medical courses by upholding the Government's decision to introduce 27% quota for OBC within All-India Quota (AIQ) seats, and permitted 10% reservation for economically weaker sections among the general category to be applied based on the criteria laid down in January 2019. This came after months of protests by Resident Doctors across the nation against the delay in NEET-PG counselling.

"As assured by the Ministry of Health to the Resident Doctors, following the order of the Supreme Court, NEET-PG counselling is being started by the Medical Counselling Committee from Jan. 12, 2022," Mandaviya said in a tweet in Hindi.

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (JAN. 10)

Tamil Thalaivas Vs **Haryana Steelers** 7.30pm

Jaipur Pink Panthers Vs **Dabang Delhi** 8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 11)

Patna Pirates Vs **U Mumba** 7.30 pm

Telugu Titans Vs **Gujarat Giants** 8.30 pm

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